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**What is claimed is:**

1. An apparatus for administering a liquid medicament, consisting of at least a housing (1; G), a piston (K), a container (A) and a propelling device, said propelling device comprising:
- a) a base element (1)
  - b) a first shifting stage (10) being shiftable relative to said base element (1), said first shifting stage, on shifting, advances said piston (K) in said container (A) resulting in said liquid medicament being dispensed from said container (A) in a metered manner, and
  - c) at least a second shifting stage (20) being shiftable relative to said base element (1) as well as relative to said first shifting stage (10) in said advance direction of said piston (K) and slaving said first shifting stage (10) in its shifting movement in the advance direction of said piston (K),
  - d) said first and said second shifting stages (10, 20), when seen in said advance direction of said piston (K), overlap at least in part,

characterized in that said propelling device and said container (A) are accommodated and fixed in place in the common housing (1; G), that said piston (K) is held in said container (A) and said first shifting stage (10) is connected to said piston (K) only by exerting contact pressure on said piston (K).

2. The propelling device as set forth in claim 1, characterized in that said first and said second shifting stages (10, 20), intermeshing by a male thread (15) and a female thread (25), form a first spindle drive, the rotational movement of which causes said first shifting stage (10) to shift.
3. The propelling device as set forth in the preceding claim, characterized in that said second shifting stage (20) shifts as the driven member of a second spindle drive (20, 30; 20, 6).

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